

Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL DEATH PENALTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice's implementation of federal death penalty statutes, after receiving testimony from Barry M. Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Roberto J. Sanchez Ramos, Secretary of Justice of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, San Juan; Paul K. Charlton, former United States Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona; William Otis, former Chief of the Appellate Division, United States Attorney's Office, Falls Church, Virginia; David I. Bruck, Washington and Lee School of Law, Lexington, Virginia; and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, and Hilary O. Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 423, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 1163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted hous-

ing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes;

S. 479, to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans;

S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, with amendments;

S. 1233, to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, with amendments; and

The nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

DOCTORS AND THE DRUG INDUSTRY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the relationship between medical doctors and the drug industry, after receiving testimony from Maine State Representative Sharon Anglin Treat, Hallowell, on behalf of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices; Jerome P. Kassirer, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts; J. Gregory Rosenthal, Retinal Service of Vision Associates, Toledo, Ohio; and Peter Lurie, Public Citizen's Health Research Group, Robert M. Sade, American Medical Association, and Marjorie E. Powell, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2874–2893; 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 176–177; and H. Res. 520–524 were introduced. **Pages H7338–40**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7340–41**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2776, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–214). **Page H7338**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Wade A. Hyslop, Jr., Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, New London, Connecticut. **Page H7207**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 520, electing Representative Sullivan to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, to rank after Representative Myrick. **Page H7212**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 186, supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and recognizing the considerable value of American beaches and their role in American culture. **Page H7212**

Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and pass S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include

certain land within the GT Park Subdivision—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7212–13**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House passed H.R. 2643, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 272 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 579. **Pages H7213–70**

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 578. **Pages H7269–70**

On a demand for a separate vote on a certain amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 577, agreed to the Udall (CO) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to prepare or publish final regulations regarding a commercial leasing program for oil shale resources on public lands or to conduct an oil shale lease sale (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 215 noes, Roll No. 574). **Pages H7243–45, H7257–58, H7259–60**

Agreed to:

Stupak amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the EPA Administrator's security detail and

Pages H7221–22

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment that re-directs \$1 million in funding for the Historic Preservation Fund. **Pages H7238–39**

Rejected:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Philadelphia Art Museum Exterior Façade in Philadelphia, PA; **Pages H7216–17**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Payne Gallery at Moravian College in Pennsylvania; **Pages H7217–19**

Ginny Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (that was debated on June 26th) that sought to reduce funds for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$32 million (by a recorded vote of 137 yeas to 285 noes, Roll No. 564); **Pages H7250–51**

Campbell (CA) amendment (#51 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007 and debated on June 26th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Wetzel County Courthouse, New Martinsville, West Virginia (by a recorded vote of 104 yeas to 323 noes, Roll No. 565); **Page H7251**

Campbell (CA) amendment (that was debated on June 26th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Conte Anadromous Fish Laboratory (by

a recorded vote of 97 yeas to 330 noes, Roll No. 566); **Pages H7251–52**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the W.A. Young & Sons Foundry, Greene County, Pennsylvania (by a recorded vote of 104 yeas to 328 noes, Roll No. 567); **Pages H7213–14, H7253**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Columbus Fire Fighters Union in Columbus, Ohio (by a recorded vote of 66 yeas to 364 noes, Roll No. 568); **Pages H7214–16, H7253–54**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania; the Westsylvania Heritage Corporation in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania; and the Progress Fund in Greensburg, Pennsylvania (by a recorded vote of 86 yeas to 343 noes, Roll No. 569); **Pages H7219–21, H7254**

Jordan amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to provide that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is reduced by 4.3 percent (by a recorded vote of 150 yeas to 281 noes, Roll No. 570); **Pages H7222–26, H7255**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 29 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to reduce appropriations in the bill by \$276,330,000 (or 1 percent) (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 571); **Pages H7226–31, H7255–56**

Musgrave amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to reduce each amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the bill, that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law, by 0.5 percent (by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 238 noes, Roll No. 572); **Pages H7231–35, H7256**

Inslee amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to issue any permit for, or otherwise approve or allow, importation of any polar bear or polar bear part (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 573); **Pages H7239–43, H7257**

Lamborn amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (by a recorded vote of 97 yeas to 335 noes, Roll No. 575); and **Pages H7247–49, H7258–59**

Cannon amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds relating to oil-shale leasing in the States of Utah or Wyoming (by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 576). **Pages H7249–50, H7259**

Withdrawn:

Udall (CO) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement BLM regulations on Recordable Disclaimers of Interest in Land with respect to a claimed Revised Statue (R.S.) 2477 right-of-way or to issue a non-binding determination. **Pages H7245–46**

Point of Order sustained against:

Peterson (PA) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and

Pages H7235–38

DeFazio amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) relating to duties assigned to a resource advisory committee established under section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

Pages H7246–47

H. Res. 514, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 26th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Jack Flynt, former Member of Congress. **Page H7252**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extending the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until September 30, 2009: H.R. 1830, amended, to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until September 30, 2009, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 365 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 583. **Pages H7271–77, H7284–85**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008.”. **Page H7285**

Honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 172, honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007. **Page H7285**

Making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 28th.

Pages H7286–H7331

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2829 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 517, no

further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. **Page H7296**

Agreed to:

Miller (NC) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement Executive Order 13422 and **Pages H7322–23**

Inglis (SC) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the “ENERGY STAR” or “Federal Energy Management Program” designation. **Page H7323**

Withdrawn:

Cuellar amendment (No. 35 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services by \$10 million;

Pages H7303–04

Cardoza amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce funding for General Activities under the General Services Administration by \$14,295,000; and

Pages H7307–08

Conaway amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to express the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction. **Page H7327**

Point of Order sustained against:

Boozman amendment relating to regulations for the designation of high intensity drug trafficking areas and **Page H7302**

Souder amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the District of Columbia for any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. **Pages H7327–28**

Proceedings Postponed:

Cardoza amendment that seeks to reduce funding for General Activities under the General Services Administration by \$8 million and increase funding for the Office of Inspector General under the General Services Administration by \$6 million;

Pages H7308–10

DeFazio amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Small Business Administration by \$10 million; **Pages H7310–16**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2007) that seeks to strike section 738 entitled Requirement for Public-Private Competition; **Pages H7316–21**

Tom Davis (VA) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Federal Payment for Resident Tuition Support by \$1 million;

Pages H7321–22

Garrett (NJ) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Securities and Exchange Commission to enforce the requirements of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; and

Pages H7323–27

Souder amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the Prevention Works or Whitman-Walker Clinic needle exchange programs.

Pages H7328–31

H. Res. 517, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 582.

Pages H7277–84

Agreed to the Matsui amendment to the rule by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 581, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 580.

Pages H7281–83

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7271 and H7285.

Senate Referrals: S. 1704 and S. 1701 were held at the desk.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7341–42.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7250–51, H7251, H7252, H7253, H7253–54, H7254, H7255, H7255–56, H7256, H7257, H7257–58, H7258–59, H7259, H7260, H7269–70, H7270, H7282–83, H7283, H7284, and H7284–85.

There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:23 a.m. on Thursday, June 28th.

Committee Meetings

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect; and Bernard Ungar, Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

NEXT-OF-KIN NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to review the policies

and procedures regarding the notification of next-of-kin of wounded and deceased servicemembers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Reuben D. Jones, USA, Adjutant General of the Army; BG Michael Downs, USMC (ret.), Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division; MG Anthony F. Przybyslawski, USAF, Commander, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas; and Patrick M. McLaughlin, Acting Assistant Deputy, Chief of Naval Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Enterprise.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2857, Generations Invigorating Volunteering and Education Act of 2007; H.R. 2847, Green Jobs Act of 2007; and H.R. 2831, Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007.

ENERGY MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began consideration of the following measures related to energy legislation: To promote greater energy efficiency; To facilitate the transition to a smart electricity grid; To clarify the amount of loans to be guaranteed under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; To promote the development of renewable fuels infrastructure; To promote advanced plug-in hybrid vehicles and vehicle components; and To enhance availability of energy information.

Will continue tomorrow.

IRAQ ESCALATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Iraq: Is the Escalation Working? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A.Q. KHAN'S NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ACTIVITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a joint hearing on A.Q. Khan's Nuclear Wal-Mart: Out of Business or Under New Management? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "A Roadmap for Security? Examining the Science and Technology Directorate's Strategic Plan." Testimony was heard from Jay Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.